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Birmingham Band in Band, Orchestra Festival March 17

The Birmingham band will take part in the annual Southeastern Michigan district band and orchestra festival Saturday, March 17 at Ypsilanti.

Due to the many bands in this district, the class A and junior high school bands had their festival last Saturday.

The required selection for class B is a collection of folk songs called "American Folk Rhapsody." Each band will also play a march and overture of its own choice.

All bands will be rated in five divisions, with first, superior; second, excellent; third, good; fourth, average; and fifth, poor.

WALNUT LAKE NEWSLETTER

The kindergarten children have made quick vegetables, showing what can be raised from the seeds from the Seed sale. The vegetables are displayed in the cabinets in the hall.

The baby chicks have arrived in the first grade room. The children will take care of them until Easter.

The second graders are watching their bulbs bloom and some have lovely flowers and others are still growing. The second grade made the PTA notices.

The sixth grade is dramatizing the "Letter for Nikita".

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By Mary Lou Gregory

The Emerald Key date meeting at Nona Segal's proved a big success. They had a treasure hunt and then came back to the house to discuss the results. Some of the couples were Carol Hoguehead, Chuck Ganey, Anne Swartwood, Pete Groom, Pat Boak, Bob Gibbs, Barb Hagan, Duane Scott, Avis Murphy and Paul Kclair.

Next meeting was held at Dick Turner's. All the pledges and members went to a stag party at Ben Lakes where they stayed overnight with playing cards and eating.

"MANY DISHEARTENED fans saw the Maples defeated by Farmington, Friday night. Among them were Dick Young, Carol Dorman, Jim Hague, Fritz Page, Bill Chapel, Georgia Roehm, Harry Frantz, Gwen Steele, Barb Averill, Peg Hallock, Marilee Kleinert, Jodie Sawyer, Ruth Wall, Sharon Cummings, Gina Wagner, Peggy Giesey.

Joanie Sproule, Sue Mason, Julie Kelley, Sally Wright, Sally McLeese, Bob Pope, Chuck Ganey, Jack Lewis, Joe Bachman, Don Bantz, Fred Bevier, Bud Strat, Bob Karch, Bruce Renfrew, Bob Appleford, Jim Welly, Doug Colwell, Ted Schwarz, Byron Leet, Valid, Jim Holdsworth and Bill Aikens.

A NUMBER OF couples are looking forward to dancing to the music of Ralph Flanagan at the Masonic Temple Saturday night. Some of them are Joan Harley, Don Goldsmith, Jane Kohr, Jim Newman, Jo-an Sproule, Bill Chapel, Mary Lou Gregory, Jack Lewis, Bessie Wiesler, Roger Beebe, Marilee Kleinert, Ben Lake, Georgia Roehm and Harry Lantz. That's all for now. See you next week.

Local Naval Cadet Now In Florida

Cadet James R. Hughes, USNR, son of Mrs. Grace H. Hughes, 511 Bates, recently reported aboard the Navy auxiliary air station, Sauley field, Pensacola, Fla., where he is undergoing training in formation flying, troop aerial gunnery and instrument flying.

A 1948 graduate of Birmingham high school, he entered naval service that same year. Since starting the flight program in May, 1950, he has completed pre-flight school and the first two phases of basic flight training.

After completion of his training, he will be designated a naval aviator and commissioned an ensign in the USNR.

Barnum PTA Choses Executive Officers

Executive officers for the year were chosen at the March 8 meeting of Barnum PTA. Mrs. Paul Cordell will succeed Mrs. Herriett Ketchum as president.

Mrs. Fraser Pomeroy was named mother vice-president; Ward Tolstzin, father vice-president and Ralph Battenhouse, teacher vice-president.

Other officers are Mrs. Robert Gowans, secretary; James Moon, treasurer; Mrs. Lawton Tabor, council delegate and Mrs. Floyd Kannel, historian.

Local Rotary Fellowship Student Reports on Experiences in Europe

Excerpts from the second report by Rotary Foundation Fellow Edward D. Hassall, Jr., 158 Ridgedale, have been received by Paul C. Grant, secretary of the local Rotary club.

Hassall is attending the University of Munich in Germany as one of 85 outstanding graduate students selected from 25 countries to receive Rotary foundation fellowships for overseas studies in 1950-51.

IN THE REPORT, Hassall told of spending the Christmas holidays with a German-Swiss family in Zurich, Switzerland.

He stated, "They overwhelmed me with their hospitality and gave me an opportunity to see a real European Christmas. There was a Christmas tree in the living room which was decorated with ornaments and tiny candles."

He added, "When lights are used, which is when the tree is outside, all white bulbs are the most popular. Americans in Germany use all colored lights. The natives think this is quite gaudy, and perhaps even sacrilegious."

From Zurich, Hassall went to the famed southern Switzerland resort, St. Moritz. He pointed out that he met many Americans there, as well as French, Italians, Germans, British and Swiss. All hotel people at this resort are required to speak fluently four or five languages.

THE LOCAL STUDENT was elected secretary of the German-American Men's club. The group sponsored a gigantic Magnolia Ball, which opened the German carnival season, known as "Fasnacht." This celebration precedes Lent.

The Magnolia was adopted as a symbol for the dance since it is the state flower of Louisiana, in tribute to the Mardi Gras.

Hassall pointed out that the Rotary club of Munich has been very hospitable. He said that Rotarians have invited him into their homes and gone out of their way to make his stay there pleasant.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Watch Out For The "Blind-Spots"

Stopped by Squint Miller's farm the other day and saw a vinegar bottle in his kitchen with an over-sized cucumber inside it. The cucumber filled the whole bottle.

"What's a cucumber doing in there?" I asked him. "That's my 'blind-spot' reminder," says Squint. "My grandmother kept one in her kitchen to remind her to take stock of herself now and then."

"I alleged that bottle over the cucumber when it was just starting to grow on the vine," he went on. "And like certain viewpoints, not noticed, it just grew and grew—now it's there to stay."

From where I sit, we could take a cue from Squint and watch for our own "blind-spots" and prejudices before they grow too big to get rid of. We've got to respect our neighbor's right to his preferences... preferences for a certain make of car, a favorite movie star, or a temperate glass of beer after work. We won't be tripped by any blind spots if we keep our eyes—and minds—open!

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